

# South Dakota CATTLE ON FEED

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## ***CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY DOWN FROM APRIL***

**SIOUX FALLS, May 20, 2005** -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 200,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on May 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. The May 1 number is unchanged from a year ago but down 5,000 head from April 2004.

**Placements** during April totaled 27,000 head, up 1,000 head from last year but down 4,000 head from March.

**Marketings of fed cattle** during April totaled 31,000 head, up 3,000 head from last year but down 3,000 head from March.

**Other disappearance** during April totaled 1,000 head, down 2,000 head from last year and down 1,000 from last month.

*The complete report can be accessed at [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/)  
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